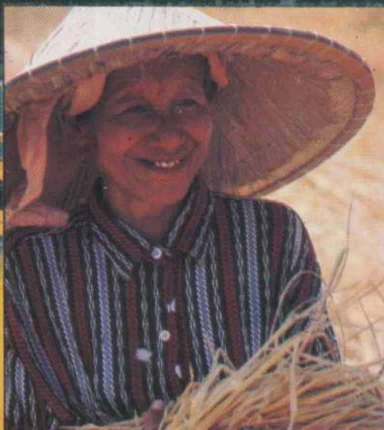
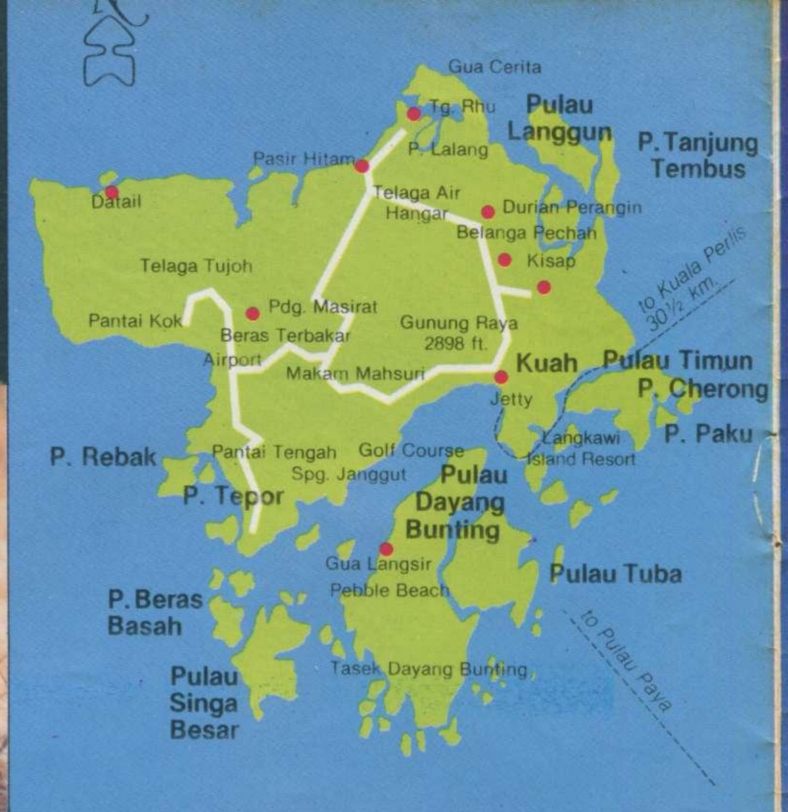
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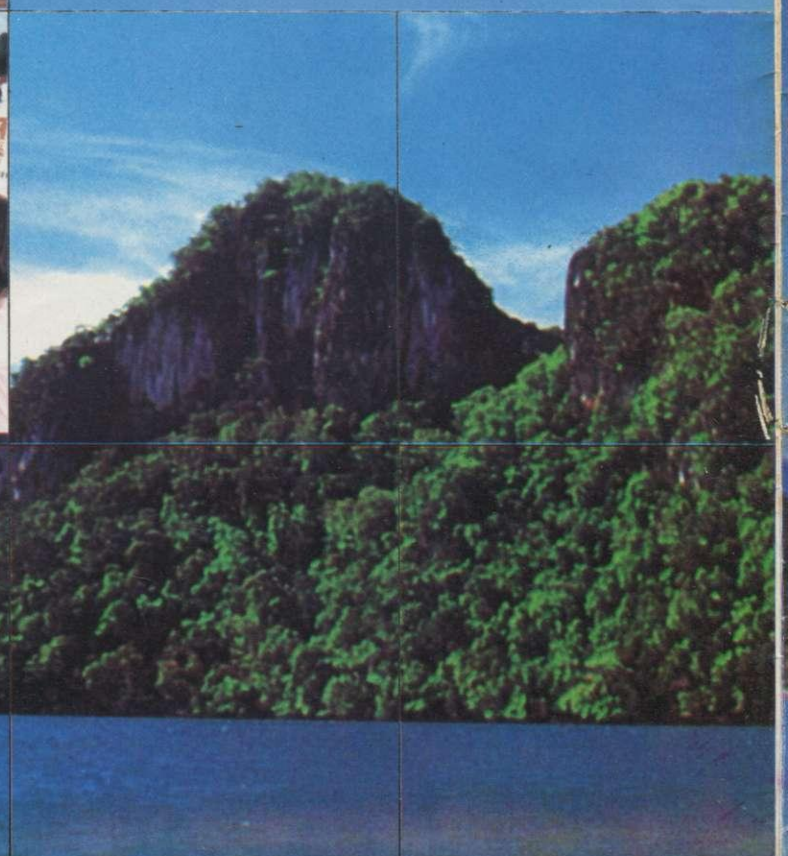




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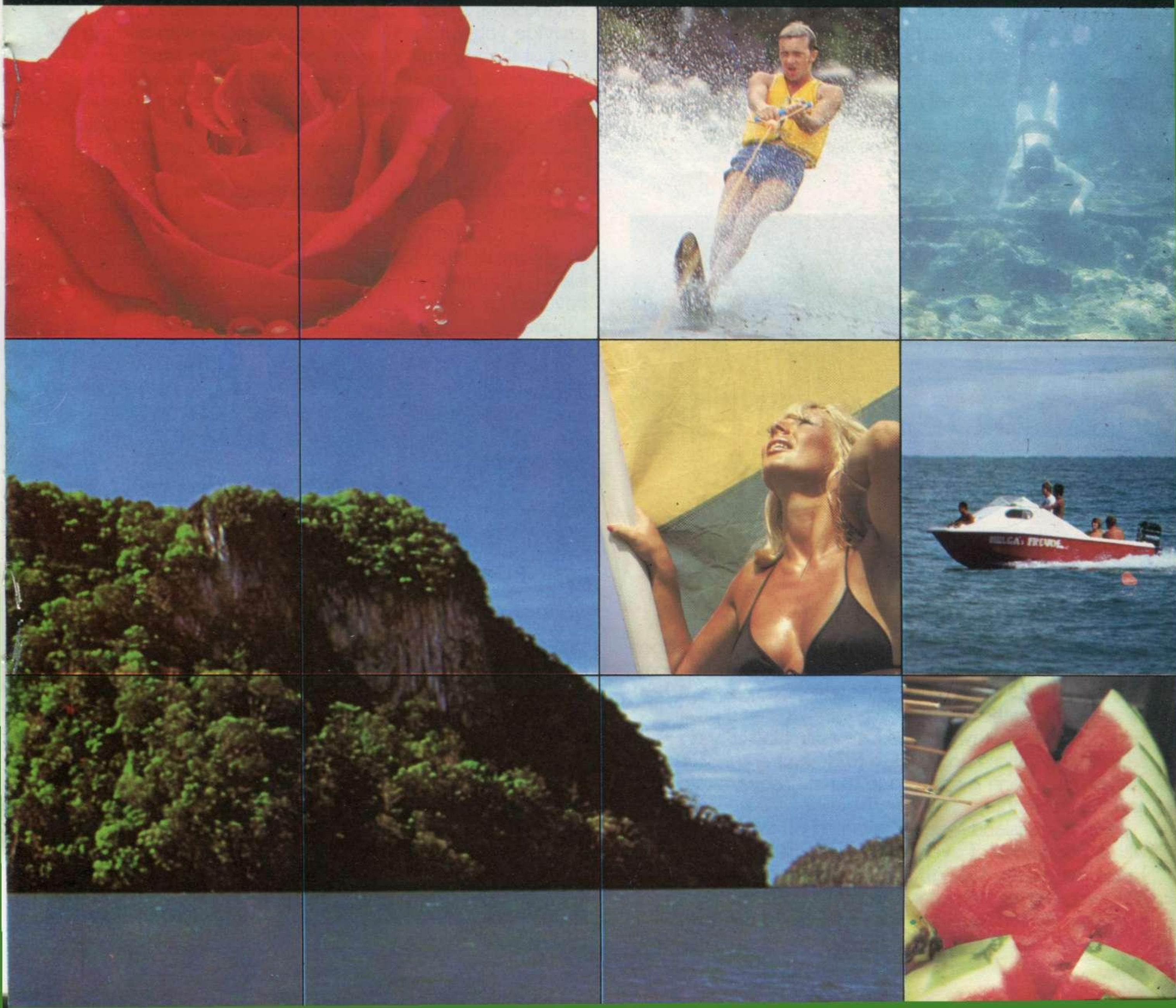


LANGKAWI

ISLANDS OF LEGEND

LOCATION

Mesmerised by the beauty of Penang, most visitors to Malaysia often leave content with the feeling of having experienced the ultimate in tropical enchantment. Yet just around the corner, resplendent in the distant horizon, are the 99 legendary islands of Langkawi — standing in splendid solitude. Scattered across the northernmost tip of mainland Peninsular Malaysia, Langkawi is 112 kilometres north of Penang and 27 kilometres away from Kuala Perlis — at the point where the Indian Ocean melts into the Straits of Malacca.

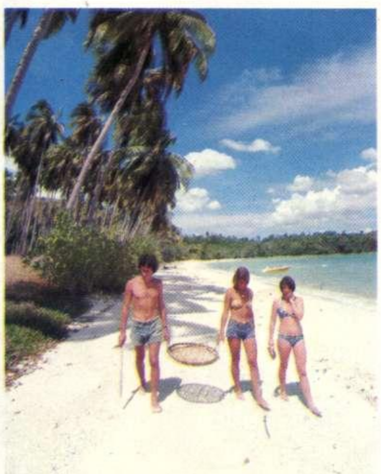


ISLAND ACTIVITIES

A SUN-SEA INTERLUDE

For sun and sea worshippers, Langkawi is paradise if ever there was one! Imagine a group of 99 islands remote, unspoilt and all unravished by the passing of time — filled with legends and endowed with coves, caves, lakes, lagoons and empty beaches to explore and discover. And then the sea — a clear expanse of warm, tropical waters unpolluted and inviting — a lustrous blue to emerald green. For those wishing to escape from the hustle and bustle of city life, Langkawi provides a soothing atmosphere for relaxation.





MAIN ISLAND LANGKAWI

All the trappings that go to make a truly ideal outdoor holiday present themselves on the largest of the islands — PULAU LANGKAWI — after which the group takes its name. Notwithstanding her beginnings as a pirate stronghold, Langkawi is today an emerging island resort offering amenities and facilities to delight any holiday-maker. Here, one is so close to the mainstream of travel and yet so remote.

Kuah is the island "capital" situated on the east coast with a population of over 2,000. The main road in Langkawi passes through Kuah, taking you to the various points of interest scattered throughout the northern, western and southern reaches of the island.

BEACH-COMBING

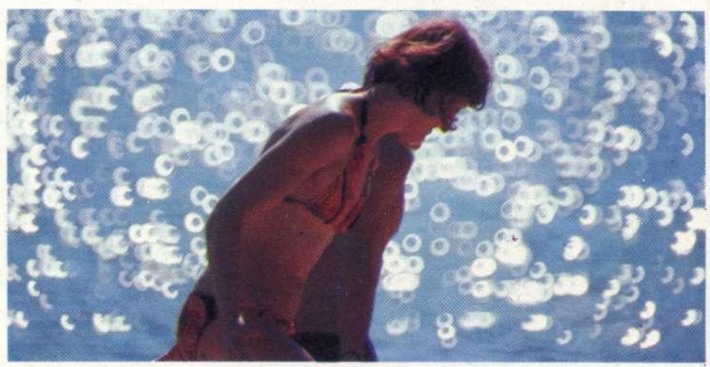
If you come to Langkawi looking for a place to relax, soak in the sun and turn a lovely golden-brown, you will not be disappointed. There are enough beaches here (at Pulau Beras Basah and Pulau Singa for instance,) to provide you with your own private niche with nothing except the imprints of your own feet in the sand for miles around. Spend a whole day in splendid solitude picnicking, strolling leisurely about and collecting sea-shells. The islanders of course have their own favourite beaches, but don't limit yourself to one or the other.

PANTAI RHU (Casuarina Beach): Lined by tall, swaying casuarina trees, this beach is one of the best in Langkawi Island. At low tide, one can walk across the sandy stretch that joins Pantai Rhu to a neighbouring island. However, when the tide swells, the sandy strip is covered by majestic waves.

Location: 22½ km. by land from Kuah.

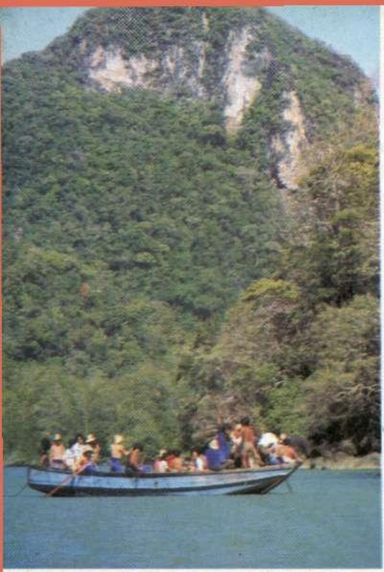
PANTAI TENGAH (Central Beach): This is a beautiful kilometre-long beach at the southern tip of Langkawi Island, accessible by road from Kuah. Situated in a sheltered bay, the waters here are calm and ideal for water-skiing.

Other popular beaches include the Beach of Black Sand where the ground is literally covered with black sand whose surface glitters in the sun and Pebble Beach on Pulau Dayang Bunting is strewn with pebbles. Burau Beach on the west coast of Langkawi boasts of a white sandy coastline and clear blue waters.

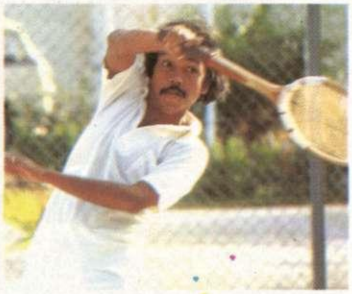


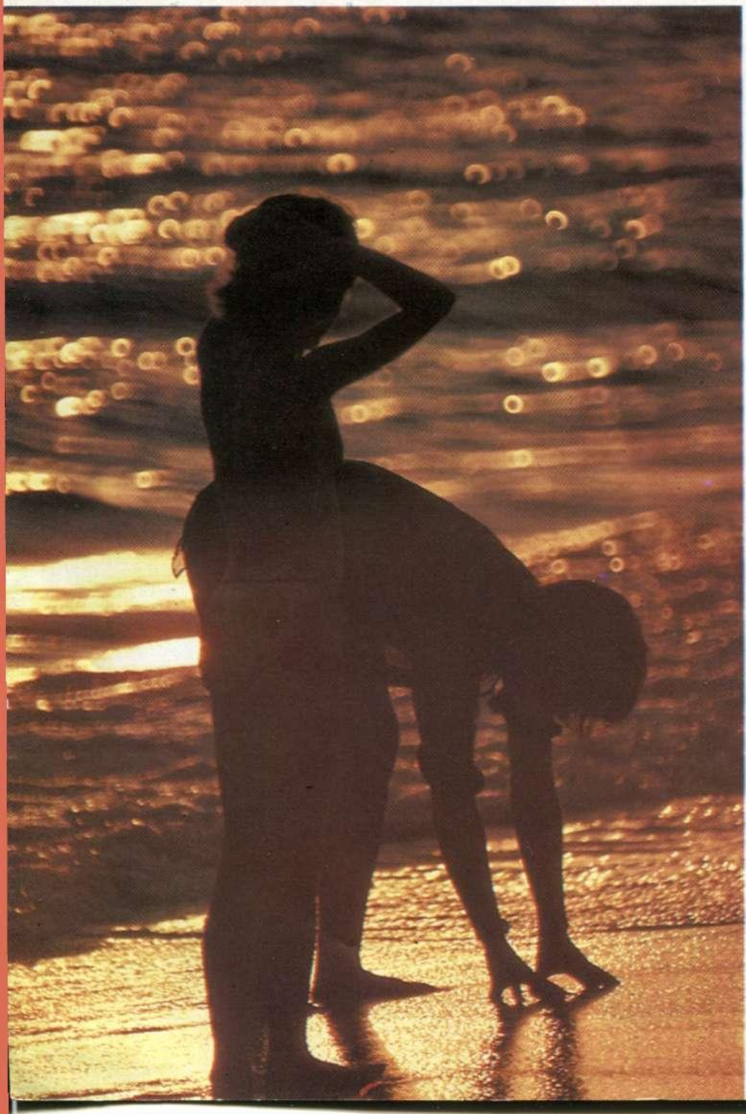
Right: Sunset over Langkawi.











WATER SPORTS

SNORKELLING

The seas around the Langkawi group are clear in many spots for a rewarding bit of snorkelling, allowing you to enjoy colourful tropical marine life. One such spot, Pulau Paya, a cluster of little islands whose seabeds are interlaced with beautiful corals, is excellent for underwater diving and snorkelling. Equipment for snorkelling can be hired at the Langkawi Island Resort.

BOATING

Rent a boat and discover the pleasures of touring around the 99 islands.

SKIING

Choose your favourite lagoon, rent a speed boat and equipment and skim the seas!

OTHER RECREATION

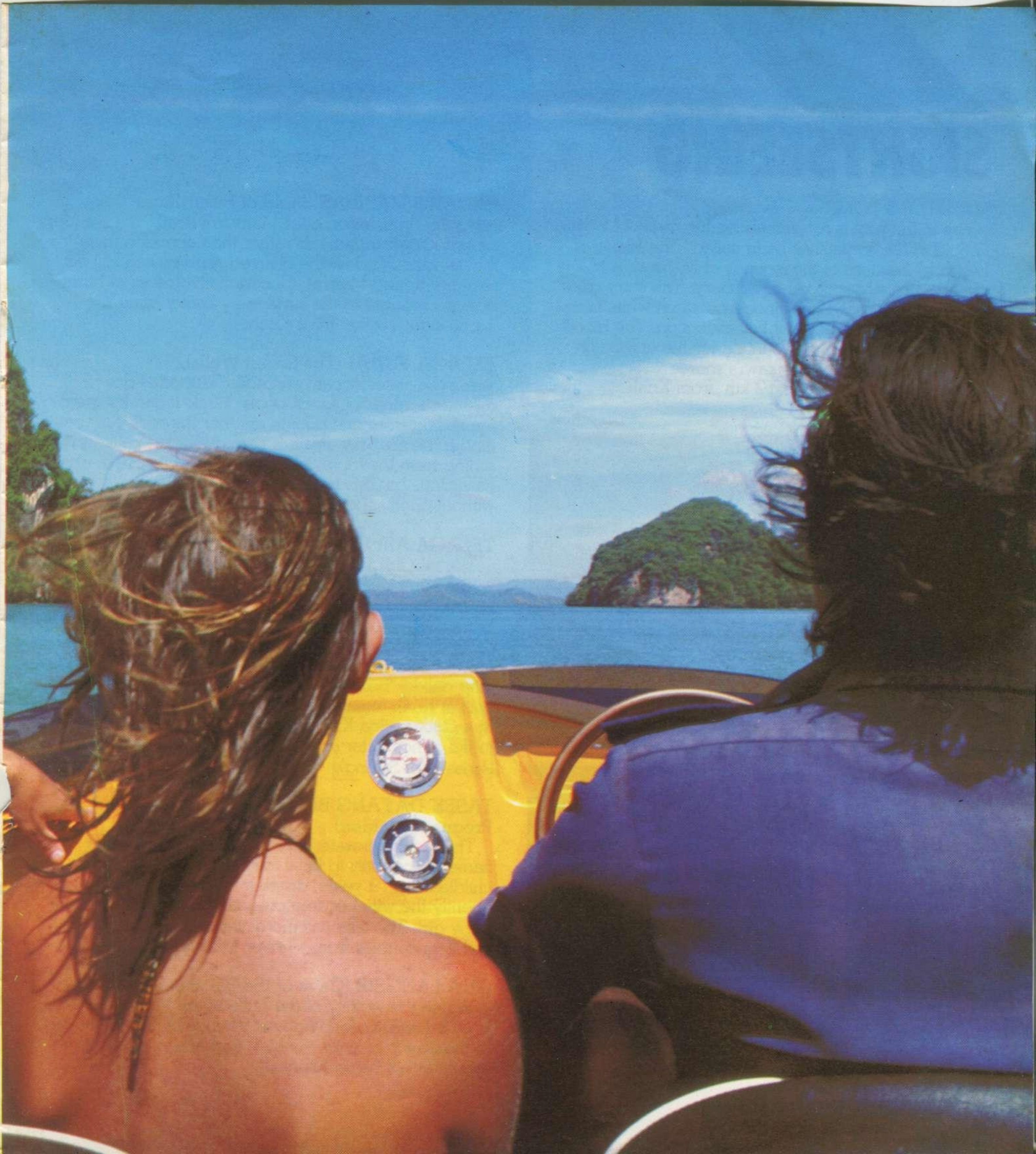
GOLFING

On the main island of Langkawi there is a 9-hole golf course about 6.4 km. from Kuah, managed by the District Office. The green fee is M$10.00.

JUNGLE TREKKING

The green jungles that begin at the beaches and rise to mist-covered mountains promise a rare camping experience. Observe captivating blooms of wild orchids, exotic birds and butterflies.

Top far left: Exploring the islands by boat.
Top left: Golfing and Tennis.
Right: Skimming the seas by speedboat.



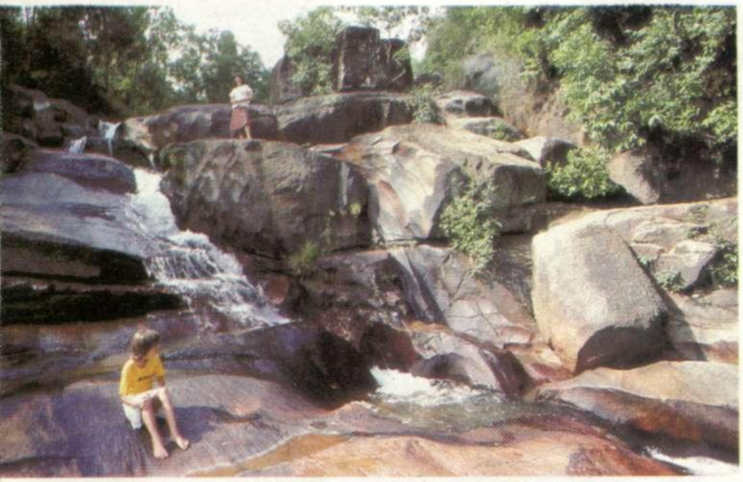
SIGHTSEEING

MAHSURI'S TOMB

Visit to this spot is recommended for lovers of folklore. Langkawi has sometimes been called "The Island of Legends" because of the legends of Mahsuri, a Malay princess unjustly accused of adultery. The story goes that Mahsuri proved her innocence when white blood streamed from her body at her execution. The blood seeped into the earth, accounting for the unusually snow-white nature of Langkawi's shores.

Location: A little village 12 km. from Kuah.

Telaga Tujuh.







Mahsuri's Tomb

PADANG MASIRAT (Field of Burnt Rice)

During an invasion after Mahsuri's death, the islanders scorched their rice fields rather than abandon them to the invaders. Today, the charred remains can still be seen at Padang Masirat. Occasionally, traces of burnt rice are brought to the surface by heavy rains.

Location: 19 km. from Kuah.

TELAGA TUJUH (The Seven Wells)

A fresh water stream cascades 91 metres down through a series of seven pools. While it can be great fun sliding from one pool to another the rock surfaces tend to be slippery and it is not advisable to attempt sliding from the top-most pools. The lower pools are not hazardous but children should not be allowed to play without adult supervision.

TELAGA AIR PANAS (Hot Springs)

The legend behind this hot spring is that it all began with a bitter quarrel between two of the island's leading families because of a rejected offer of marriage. The boy's family raided the girl's village and a violent battle ensued. All the pots, pans, plates and saucers in the village were shattered. A pot was flung at a place thereafter called "Belanga Pecah" (Broken Pot). Gravy was spilt at Kuah (meaning "gravy") and seeped into the soil at a place called Kisap (meaning "seep"). Finally, a jugful of hot water spilt at the present site of Telaga Air Panas (Hot Spring).

TASEK DAYANG BUNTING (The Lake of the Pregnant Maiden)

This is a fresh water lake on the isle of the same name. According to local folklore, a married couple, childless for 19 years, drank from the lake. Subsequently the wife became pregnant and gave birth to a baby girl. The lake has thereafter been frequented by childless couples from all over Malaysia.

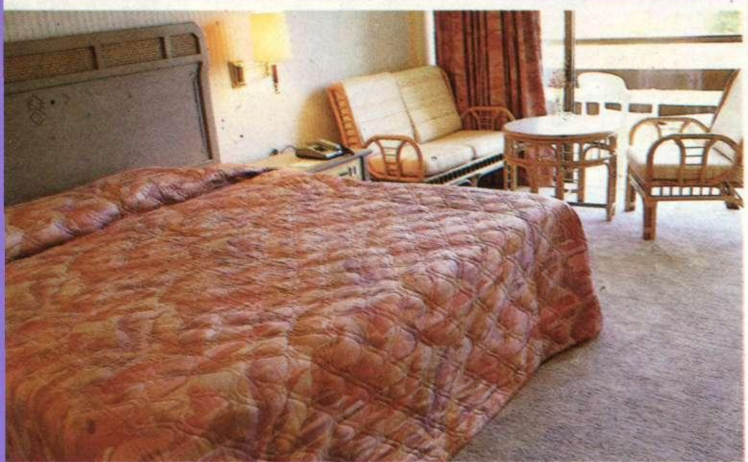
GUA LANGSIR (Cave of the Banshee)

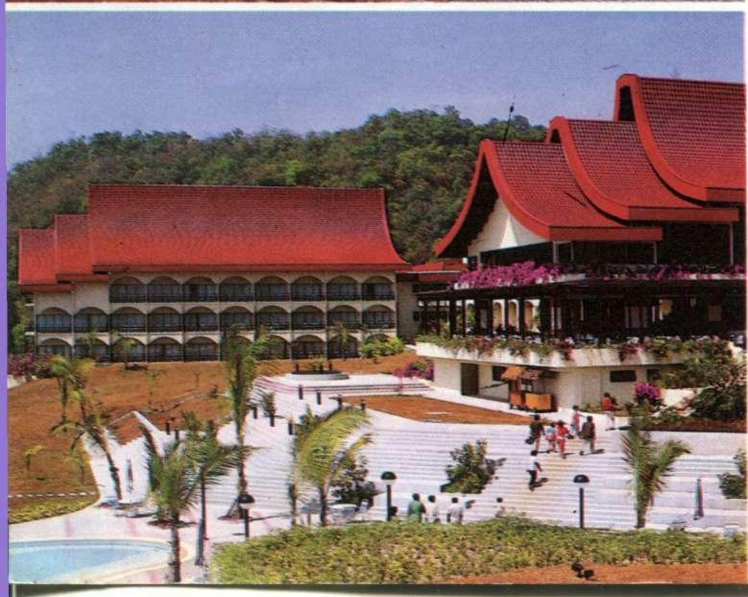
Within the vicinity of the Lake of the Pregnant Maiden is Gua Langsir. A cave over 91 metres high, it is home to thousands of bats — which perhaps explains its reputation of being haunted.

Right: Tasek Dayang Bunting.









ACCOMMODATION

On the main island of Langkawi, you can choose from a range of accommodation to suit your taste. However, the most impressive of them all is THE LANGKAWI ISLAND RESORT. Managed by the Tourist Development Corporation of Malaysia, the hotel offers 219 air-conditioned rooms and all the amenities you expect from any international hotel.

Hotel Asia	04-788216	15 rooms From M$21.00 to $48.30
Hotel Langkawi	04-788248	13 rooms From M$12.00 to $40.00
Mutiara Beach Hotel	04-788488	68 rooms From M$70.00 to M$120.00
Langkawi Island Resort	04-788209 04-788252	219 rooms From $95.00 to $800.00

HOW TO GET THERE

You can get to Langkawi by air or ferry. MAS flies daily from Kuala Lumpur to Langkawi via Penang. The one-way fares are as follows:-

Kuala Lumpur – Langkawi	–	M$112.00
Penang – Langkawi	–	M$ 42.00

The ferry "Gadis Langkasuka" leaves Penang on alternate Fridays at 2300 hours and returns the following Sunday at 0900 hours. The fares are M$35.00 one-way and M$65.00 for a return. For enquiries contact:

Sanren Delta Marine Sdn. Bhd. Tel: 04-379325 or Asian Overland Tel: 03-2925622

From Kuala Kedah, KITA Express provide 3 crossing a day between Kuala Kedah and Langkawi. Departure time depends on the tide. The fares are M$12.00 one-way and M$22.00 for a return. For enquiries contact:-

Alor Setar Tel: 04-727438
Langkawi Tel: 04-788316
Kuala Perlis Tel: 04-754494.

From Kuala Perlis, six ferry boats provide scheduled crossings between Kuala Perlis and Langkawi. The fares vary from M$8.00 to M$10.00 reflecting the speed of the service. The ferry takes 1 hours.

THE LANGKAWI ISLAND RESORT









For additional information, see your travel agent, or write to the Tourist Development Corporation, Malaysia. P.O. Box 10328, 50710 Kuala Lumpur. Tel:03-2935188, Telex: MTDCKL-MA30093, Cable: 'Tourism Kuala Lumpur' or to the Tourist Development Corporation Overseas Offices in Singapore, Bangkok, Sydney, London, Tokyo, Los Angeles, Frankfurt and Hong Kong or to any Malaysian Government Representative.

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